



Draft Interim Goals and Interim Targets Agreements

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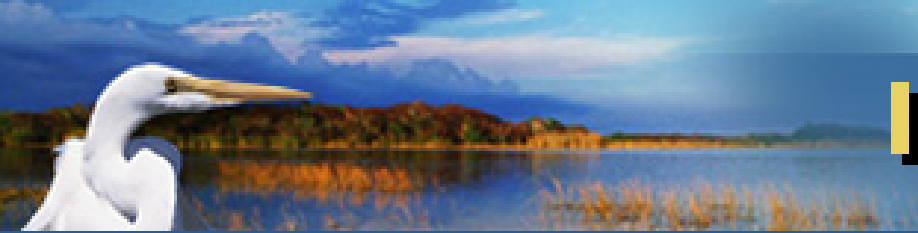
Presentation Outline

- **Background**
- **Feedback received on initial draft of Agreements presented in February 2006**
- **Summary of changes to Draft Agreements**
- **Schedule for continued consultation and public comment**



Background

- **Water Resources Development Act of 2000 requires the development of interim goals**
- **Programmatic Regulations**
 - **Set forth process for development of interim goals and interim targets**
 - **Require execution of a three-party agreement to memorialize interim goals**
 - **Require establishment of interim targets**



Interim Goals



Means for agency managers, the State and Congress to evaluate the ***restoration success*** of the CERP at specific points in time throughout the planning and implementation process



Interim Targets

Means for evaluating the progress of the CERP towards meeting the *other water-related needs of the region* throughout the planning and implementation process





Interim Goals and Targets



Interim goals
and interim
targets shall be
consistent with
each other



Separate Agreements

- **Interim Goals Agreement**
 - Secretary of Army
 - Secretary of Interior
 - Governor of Florida
- **Interim Targets Agreement**
 - Secretary of Army
 - Governor of Florida



Feedback on Initial Draft Agreements

- **Draft Agreements omitted many of RECOVER's recommended indicators, goals and targets**
- **Incremental performance predictions did not reflect updated models, topography or water supply demands**
- **Performance predictions did not reflect new project implementation schedule, updated Federal funding projections, or revised project designs**
- **Establishing inaccurate or unrealistic interim goals and targets could prejudice Congress' future decisions on appropriations for CERP**
- **Too many "Whereas" clauses**



Revised Draft Agreements

- Whereas clauses were eliminated
- Indicators were expanded to address all of RECOVER's recommendations
- Initial interim goals and interim targets were modified
 - Most are qualitative goal statements for which progress may be measured
 - Where included, incremental performance predictions are based on standard Corps implementation process
 - Incremental performance predictions will be added for additional indicators, as developed, through future amendments to Agreements



Example Indicator and Interim Goal Statements

Water Levels in Lake Okeechobee

- *Reduce the frequency of harmful high stages above 17 feet*
- *Reduce the frequency of harmful low stages below 11 feet*
- *Restore natural spring recession events*

Lake Okeechobee Aquatic Vegetation

- *Increase the areal coverage of aquatic vegetation in Lake Okeechobee*



Example Indicator and Interim Target Statements

Water Supply for the Lower East Coast Service Area

- *Increase water supplies available for meeting existing and future water supply needs*

Flood Control: Groundwater Stages for Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach Counties and Seminole Tribe Surface Water Management Basins

- *Maintain or improve the level-of-service of flood protection consistent with WRDA 2000 and Section 385.37 of the Programmatic Regulations*



Interim Goals and Targets

How will they be used?

- Interim goals and targets will be used to facilitate adaptive management
- Corps and SFWMD agree to sequence and schedule Plan Projects to achieve interim goals and targets - given funding, technical and other constraints



Commitment to Update Interim Goals and Targets

Interim goals and targets will be modified, through amendment to Agreements, to reflect:

- **Revised hydrologic models**
- **Updated project implementation schedules**
- **New scientific and technical information**
- **Information developed through assessment and adaptive management**
- **Future authorized changes to the Plan**



Commitment to Update *(continued)*

- **Agreements will be reviewed by the signatories at least once every five years to determine if the interim goals or interim targets should be revised**
- **Interim goals and interim targets will be revised through amendment of the Agreements**



Proposed Schedule For Consultation and Public Review

- **WRAC meeting** **Sep 7-8**
- **Governing Board workshop** **Sep 12**
- **Task Force meeting** **Sep 20-21**
- **Continued consultation with Tribes** **Sep - Oct**
- **Continued consultation with federal,
state and local agencies, as required** **Sep - Oct**
- **Post in Federal Register for
Public Review** **Oct**



Thank you

